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AGENDA ITEM 9a

TO: MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE

- I. SUBJECT:** Recommendation of Long-Term Care Application Period for 2008
- II. PROGRAM:** Long-Term Care Program
- III. RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that the Health Benefits Committee (HBC) approve a 2008 Long-Term Care Program Application Period beginning April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

IV. ANALYSIS:

Since the inception of the CalPERS Long-Term Care Program in 1995, staff has recommended to the HBC and the Board of Administration that an annual Application Period be approved to offer long-term care coverage to its eligible applicant base: California public employees and retirees, their spouses, siblings, parents and parents-in-law.

Staff recommends that the Application Period for 2008 begin April 1, 2008 and continue through June 30, 2008. This period is consistent with the on-going program strategy adopted by the Board at its November 2006 meeting and will work toward continuing to stabilize the Program's member base.

V. STRATEGIC PLAN:

This directly relates to Strategic Goal 10: Develop and administer quality, sustainable health benefit programs that are responsive to and valued by enrollees and employers.

VI. RESULTS/COSTS:

By granting the 2008 application period, staff will plan, develop, and implement a marketing campaign directed at increasing membership; commensurate with the strategy developed to mitigate the 2007 rate increase.

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